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*A Geography and Atlas of Protestant Missions. Their Environment, Forces, Distribution, Methods, Problems, Results, and Prospects at the Opening of the Twentieth Century. By Harlan P. Beach, M.A., Educational Secretary Student Volunteer Movement, Fellow of the American Geographical Society, Member of the American Oriental Society. Vol. I, Geography (x and 572 pp.); Vol. II (quarto); Statistics (31 pp.), and Atlas (18 plates and index, 23 pp.). Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. New York, 1901-1903.*

This work is a survey of the Protestant missionary field, primarily prepared for members of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. It is a very clear and practical exposition of the present distribution of Protestant missionary enterprises, and of the work they are undertaking throughout the world. The field is viewed entirely in its present aspects, the reader being referred to general and special works for historical data. Each country is first treated in its geographical, climatic, racial, and other general aspects, giving the reader a clear conception of the environment amid which the many hundreds of missionary posts are situated. This general view is followed by a statement of the missionary influences in the field, and of the work and outlook. The relegation of statistics to a section by themselves, in the quarto volume, relieves the text of a mass of figures, and renders easily accessible an immense amount of important information, every item of which may quickly be found when it is needed. The Atlas undoubtedly contains the best series of missionary maps yet published, presenting all the information relating to the subject which can be cartographically shown. The plates are the product of the superior processes employed in the map house of John Bartholomew & Co., Edinburgh; and the result is that the maps are pleasing in appearance as well as satisfying on account of their fullness and accuracy. The work is admirably adapted for the use of mission study classes in American Colleges and Theological Seminaries, and of all who are interested in missions; nor would it be easy to find a more compact and helpful atlas for the home circle.

*The Alaska Frontier. By Thomas Willing Balch, A.B. (Harvard), Member of the Philadelphia Bar. Philadelphia, Allen, Lane & Scott, 1903. 8vo.*

Mr. Balch's Introductory Note says:

This monograph was prepared with the object of stating briefly, but emphatically,

the title of the United States to a continuous, unbroken lisière, or strip of territory, on the northwest American continental shore, between Mount Saint Elias and fifty-four degrees forty minutes north latitude. In August, 1898, the Anglo-American Joint High Commission assembled at Quebec, and soon after Canada formally made claim to a large slice of the Territory of Alaska. . . . If the Canadian Government has any serious and tangible proofs with which to support its claims it has not yet made them public.

The question between the two countries is transferred by treaty to a Commission, or tribunal of six jurists, three to be appointed by the United States and three by Great Britain.

With the Commission it must be left, but it is not easy to see how any reader of Mr. Balch's clear exposition, supported by the cumulative evidence of the twenty-eight maps presented, can fail to accept, as proved, the right of the United States to the *lisière* on the mainland, stretching from Portland Channel to Mount Saint Elias, and extending far enough inland to exclude the British possessions from access to the coast-line above fifty-four degrees forty minutes.

The book is handsomely printed and bound, and the maps are well reproduced.

*The Philippine Islands, 1493-1803. Explorations by Early Navigators, Descriptions of the Islands and their Peoples, their History and Records of the Catholic Missions, as related in Contemporaneous Books and Manuscripts, showing the Political, Economic, Commercial and Religious Conditions of those Islands, from their earliest Relations with European Nations to the beginning of the Nineteenth Century. Translated from the Originals. Edited and annotated by Emma Helen Blair and James Alexander Robertson, with historical introduction and additional notes by Edward Gaylord Bourne. With maps, portraits and other illustrations. Vol. I—1493-1529; Vol. II—1521-1569. The Arthur H. Clark Company, Cleveland, Ohio, MCMIII. 8vo.*

These are the first of a series of fifty-five volumes to be published, containing English translations (and also, in some cases, the original texts) of manuscript, and printed books and documents, relating to the Philippine Islands for the 310 years beginning with the year 1493, and the Bulls of Alexander VI. to Ferdinand and Isabella, and closing with the *Estadismo*, or Itinerary, of Father Joaquin Martinez de Zúñiga in 1803.

One volume will be issued monthly until the work is completed.

The editors say, in their General Preface, that most of the material presented is now for the first time made accessible to English-